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1. General principle

The Special Committee should set a good example for other bodies of the United Nations in improving its working methods and enhancing its efficiency.

2. Session of the Special Committee

The Special Committee should continue its practice of holding its session, to the extent possible, later in the first half of any given year.

3. Conference services

The Special Committee should make best use of the allocated conference services. For that purpose, it should, *inter alia*, meet punctually and reorganize its work programme with flexibility.

4. Submission of proposals

(a) Delegations wishing to submit a proposal are encouraged to do so at least one month in advance and in the form of an action-oriented text;

(b) Delegations wishing to submit a proposal should bear in mind the need for the Special Committee to avoid duplication and repetition of the discussions of other forums.

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5. Consideration of proposals

(a) The Special Committee should set clear priorities in the consideration of proposals;

(b) Delegations that submitted a proposal are encouraged, after holding a fairly comprehensive exchange of views on the topic within the Special Committee, to ask the Committee to decide whether it intends to continue the discussion on the topic, taking into consideration that usefulness of the discussions and the possibility of reaching a definitive result in the future.

6. Duration of the Special Committee

At the end of each session, the Special Committee should undertake a review to determine whether the duration of that session was appropriate.

7. Preparation and adoption of the report

The Special Committee should prepare and adopt its report to the General Assembly in the same manner as the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210.

8. Medium- and long-term programme

The Special Committee should elaborate a medium- and long-term programme of the Committee.

9. New proposal

When a new proposal is to be introduced, the Special Committee should conduct a preliminary evaluation of its necessity and appropriateness.

10. Periodic review

The Special Committee should review the ways and means of improving its working methods and enhancing its efficiency every year.

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Draft paragraph to be inserted in the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

Paragraph 32

In response to the request made in accordance with paragraph 3 (e) of General Assembly resolution 54/106 of 9 December 1999, the Special Committee identified the following measures to improve its working methods and enhance its efficiency:

(a) The Special Committee will continue to strive to make the best use of allocated conference services. For that purpose, it will, *inter alia*, continue to meet punctually and reorganize its work programme with flexibility;

(b) Delegations wishing to submit a proposal are encouraged to do so as far in advance as possible and in the form of an action-oriented text;

(c) Delegations wishing to submit a proposal should bear in mind the importance for the Special Committee of avoiding unnecessary duplication and repetition of discussions in other forums;

(d) When a proposal on a new topic is introduced, the Special Committee should conduct a preliminary evaluation as to its necessity and appropriateness;

(e) Without prejudice to the right of delegations to request that specific items be discussed in the Special Committee, delegations submitting a proposal are encouraged, after holding a fairly comprehensive exchange of views on the item within the Special Committee, to ask the Committee to decide whether it intends to

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continue the discussion on the item, taking into consideration its usefulness and the possibility of reaching a definitive result in the future;

(f) The Special Committee should consider, where appropriate, the question of the duration of the next session with a view to making an appropriate recommendation to the General Assembly. The Special Committee should continue to periodically review other ways and means of improving its working methods and enhancing its efficiency, including biennialization of the consideration of proposals as well as ways and means of improving the procedure for the adoption of its report.